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COUNTRY East Germany

TOPIC see Fall Maneuver in Thuringia

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REMARKS

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1. During the nights of 9 and 15 October 1953, about 150 T-34/85 tanks including [ ] were detrained at the Weimar freight station and departed toward Bad Berka. Most of their [ ]<sup>1</sup> On 9 October, seven armored full-track vehicles carrying ammunition and each occupied by two soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and sedan [ ] occupied by a general were seen going toward Bad Berka. On 17 October, six trucks each towing a 37-mm AA gun went from Weimar to Bad Berka. Motor vehicle [ ]  
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2. On 8 October, 16 x 85-mm AA guns, 20 x 37-mm AA guns and 12 trucks with AA machine guns left the Flak Kaserne in Weimar for the maneuver. They returned on 16 October. On 8 October, 24 x 37-mm AA guns, 8 trucks with AA machine guns, 30 trucks with equipment and 6 radio trucks left the Luetzendorf Kaserne for the maneuver. They returned on 17 October. 2

3. Shipments observed on 16 October included:

4:30 p.m. Troop train carrying trucks and guns in Froettstedt.  
4:40 p.m. Three troop trains carrying trucks, guns, tanks and assault guns in Gotha.

5:10 p.m. Troop train with 10 guns and trucks in Wandersleben.  
At 5:15 p.m., the street to the railroad station in Neudietendorf was occupied by tanks, assault guns, trucks, field kitchens, guns and rocket launchers. A troop train was loaded at the Neudietendorf railroad station. At 5:30, six troop trains carrying guns, trucks, tanks and assault guns and headed toward Weimar were seen at the marshaling yard of the Weimar railroad station. About 200 soldiers with rifles and baggage were together with source in the express train. They changed in Weissenfels. A bridge of 2 or 3 pontoons which was guarded was seen across a small river. Source thought that it served as approach route for loading operations. 3

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. Tank [REDACTED] do not belong to the Eighth Gds Army. They were also observed by another source in the Weimar area on 10 October. See [REDACTED].

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. The report confirms that the 13th AAA Div participated in the maneuvers from 8 to 17 October 1953.

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. These shipments again confirm that the maneuvers were completed in the Ohrdruf area on 15 October.

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